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WIC Funding Update



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Overview of WIC Funding Presentation

- Review of WIC Funding Process and Formulas
- Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Levels & 2014 Budget Requests



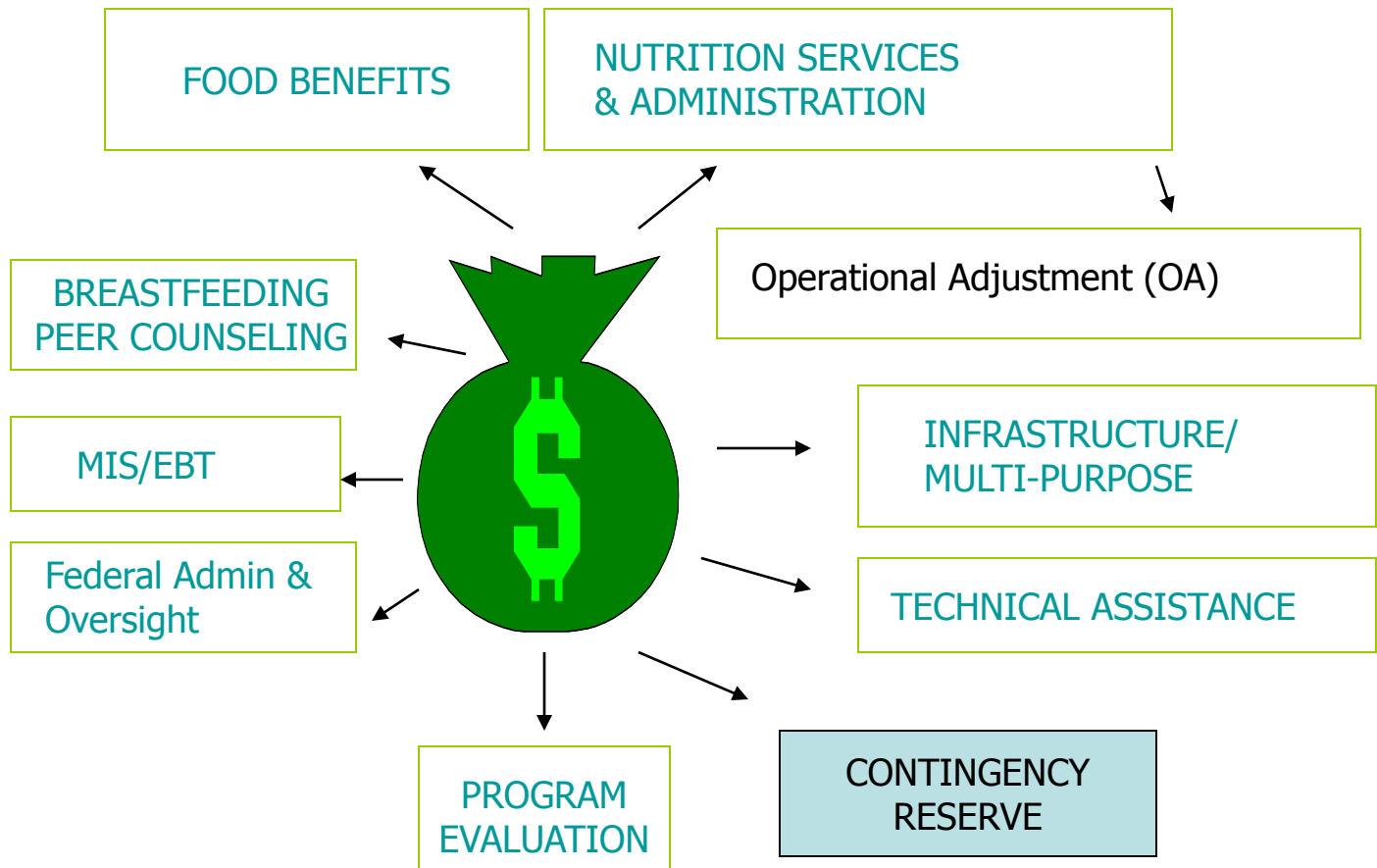


WIC Funding Process

- WIC receives appropriation from Congress (Discretionary program – must compete for funds)
- If no appropriation by Oct 1, then funded under continuing resolution



FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION



Distribution of WIC Funds

Funding is apportioned to WIC by OMB:

- **First Quarter – One-third of total appropriated funds**
- **Second and third Quarters – One-fourth of total appropriated funds**
- **Fourth Quarter – Remaining balance or one-sixth of total appropriated funds**





WIC Grants to States

- After mandatory line items funded, remaining funds are allocated to State agencies using legislation and regulatory funding formulas:
 - Food Grant
 - Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) Grant
- Currently, 90 State agencies operate the WIC Program



Funding Allocations – “The Split”

- The national guaranteed administrative grant per participant (AGP) determines the amount of NSA funds
- Remainder of funds allocated for food benefits
- National guaranteed AGP = Preceding fiscal year's AGP adjusted for inflation. Inflation adjustment = estimated percent increase in the State and local government purchase index.





Food Funding Formula

- Provides for program stability and encourages program growth for States serving a lesser proportion of their potentially eligible populations.
- Three components:
 - Prior Year Grants
 - Inflation (80 percent of remaining funds; based on thrifty food plan; 2013 = 3.31%)
 - Fair share/growth (20 percent of remaining funds)



Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) Funding Formula

- Preserves stability while promoting funding levels that provide equivalent service to participants and provides incentive for reducing food costs so that more participants may be served.
- Three components:
 - Base Grant (prior year grants before OA decisions)
 - Fair Share Target (participation based; economy of scale and salary factors considered)
 - Regional operational adjustment (OA) funding



Fiscal Year 2013 Funding

- **Continuing Resolution through March 27, 2013**
- **Appropriation - \$6,522,246,042** (after 2.513% & 0.2% rescissions & 5% sequester)

Includes:

- \$6.4 Billion – State Food & NSA Grants
- \$12.6 Million – Infrastructure/Multi-purpose*
- \$370 Thousand – Technical Assistance*
- \$50 Million – Breastfeeding Peer Counseling
- \$5.5 Million – Breastfeeding Bonuses
- \$32.4 Million – MIS/EBT*
- \$6.2 Million – Federal Admin & Oversight
- \$2.4 Million – Program Evaluation & Monitoring

*If not needed for caseload.



FY 2013 Funding

- \$15,272,484 provided for the WIC FMNP from Commodity Assistance Program (CAP)
- SFMNP funded at \$19,549,400 through Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)





FY 2013 Funding

- **\$6,412,695,836** available for Grants to States
 - 72% available for food (\$4,621,611,296)
 - 28% available for NSA (\$1,791,084,540)
- Food inflation = 3.31%
- NSA inflation = 3%
- Guaranteed National AGP = \$18.11



Other Funds Available for FY 2013

- \$125 million contingency funds appropriated in FY 2009 (will carry forward into FY 2014)
- Just over \$31.7 million in carryover transfer contingency funds (allocated in June)
- \$374.9 million in unspent recovered FY 2012 funds (Jan - \$129.7 M; April - \$238.2 M; and, July - \$7 M)
- With carryover transfer contingency and reallocated FY 2012 funds, Grants to States for Food and NSA now total over \$6.8 billion (\$4.9 billion for food; \$1.9 billion for NSA)





PARTICIPATION FY 2012 & 2013

- Average FY 2012: 8,907,840
- Average FY 2013 YTD: 8,690,471 (Oct – Apr)
- Average FY 2013 State projected average monthly participation: 8,723,703
- State projected FY 2013 year-end (September) participation: 8,806,280



(Projections reported as of 7/12/13 by WIC State agencies)

FY 2014 President's Budget Request

Appropriation - \$7,141,625,000 (would support 8.9 million participants without contingency funds)

Includes:

- \$6.792 Billion – State Food & NSA Grants
- \$13.6 M – Infrastructure/Multi-purpose
- \$400,000 – Technical Assistance
- \$60 M – Breastfeeding Peer Counseling
- \$30 M – MIS/EBT
- \$10 M – Federal Admin & Oversight
- \$5 M – Program Evaluation & Monitoring
- \$1 M – Program Integrity
- \$50 M – Contingency Fund Reserve



FY 2014 President's Budget Request

- \$16,548,000 provided for the WIC FMNP from Commodity Assistance Program (CAP)
- SFMNP funded through Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and depends on Farm Bill



FY 2014 House Mark

- **Appropriation - \$6,654,871,000**

Includes:

- \$6.55 B – State Food & NSA Grants
- \$13.6 M – Infrastructure/Multi-purpose*
- \$400,000 – Technical Assistance*
- \$60 M – Breastfeeding Peer Counseling*
- \$30 M – MIS*

*If not needed for caseload.





FY 2014 Senate Mark

- **Appropriation - \$7,070,415,000**

Includes:

- \$6.98 B – State Food & NSA Grants
- \$13.6 M – Infrastructure/Multi-purpose*
- \$400,000 – Technical Assistance*
- \$50 M – Breastfeeding Peer Counseling*
- \$30 M – MIS/EBT*

*Not tied to caseload.

